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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE
BREMEN OST-ASIATISCHER VEREIN

1. SUMMARY - COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS, FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ADDRESSED IN BREMEN ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, A FESTIVE ASSEMBLY OF 400 MEN FROM BUSINESS AND PUBLIC LIFE, GATHERED FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BREMEN OST-ASIATISCHER VEREIN, AN ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND ASIAN STATES. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE BREMEN SENAT PRESIDENT, BUERGERMEISTER KOSCHNICK AND THE AMBASSADORS OF JAPAN, INDIA, AND INDONESIA FROM BONN. GENSCHER TOOK THE OCCASION TO RESTATE THE FRG'S POLICY TOWARD ASIA AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE FRG'S CONCERN OVER THE COURSE

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OF THE DETENTE POLICY.

2. AS IF STILL UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS, WHENCE HE HAD COME, AND REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO ANGOLA, GENSCHER SAID FIRMLY THAT THE FRG CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT WHEN ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE IN AFRICA TO SUPPLANT CLASSICAL COLONIALISM WITH A FORM OF "IDEOLOGICAL COLONIALISM". DETENTE, HE SAID, WAS BEING THREATENED BY DIRECT AND INDIRECT INTERVENTIONS DESIGNED TO CARVE OUT NEW SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IN THE THIRD WORLD. HE ADMONISHED THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD BEWARE THAT THEY DID NOT WIN THEIR FREEDOMS FROM OLD DEPENDENCIES ONLY TO FALL PREY TO NEW ONES.

3. THE BULK OF HIS ADDRESS GENSCHER DEVOTED TO A REITERATION OF THE FRG'S POSITION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE FRG, GENSCHER SAID, AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TRADING COUNTRIES, HAS A VITAL INTEREST AND A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. HE CAME OUT STRONGLY FOR CONTINUED LIBERALIZATION OF WORLD TRADE AND INVESTMENTS AND AGAINST ALL EFFORTS TO HAMSTRING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE THROUGH DIRIGISTIC POLICIES AFFECTING INVESTMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND PRICING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST ABANDON THE NOTION (AND RELATED POLICIES) THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE TO REMAIN PRIMARILY THE SUPPLIERS OF RAW MATERIALS FOR THE DEVELOPED WORLD'S INDUSTRIES. IT IS IMPERATIVE, HE SAID, THAT MARKETS BE OPENED LIBERALLY BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD FOR THE SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPING WORLD, FOR ITS PART, MUST SHUN DIRIGISTIC AND RESTRICTIVE POLICIES AFFECTING INVESTMENTS AND TRADE. ALL THE SHORTCOMINGS OF A FREE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM NOTWITHSTANDING, THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF ITS EXPORTS GO TO THE FREE MARKET ECONOMIES, WHILE ONLY 5 PERCENT ARE TAKEN BY THE SOCIALIST STATES. HERE IT BECOMES PATENTLY CLEAR WHO AIDS THE THIRD WORLD IN DEED AND WHO WITH WORDS.

4. GENSCHER EXPRESSED OPTIMISM IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLDS, ALLUDING TO THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THE DIALOGUE SINCE THE DAYS OF THE CONFRONTATIONAL RHETORIC AT THE SIXTH UN SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SESSION. HE GAVE DUE CREDIT FOR THE POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE TONE OF THE DIALOGUE TO ASIAN STATES, WHICH HAVE INTRODUCED A TONE OF MODERATION AND REASON. HE URGED GERMANY'S ASIAN TRADING PARTNERS AND THE ASSEMBLED REPRESENTATIVE OF BREMEN'S TRADING COMMUNITY TO ACT IN THIS SPIRIT AND TO HELP PROMOTE FURTHER PROGRESS. HE PLEDGED THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO A DEEPENING AND FURTHER STABILIZATION OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, AND OTHER

ASIAN STATES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED AWARENESS OF THE FRG'S
RESPONSIBILITY IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS,
JOINTLY WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE UNITED STATES, AND
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